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State Discharges Ex-Service Men To Civilian Life

To the Selective Service System has been assigned the responsibility of returning ex-service men to their places in civilian life or in finding jobs for those who were not the armed forces of the Nation.

According to Brigadier General Thomas J. Grayson, State Director of Selective Service, the Reemployment Committee set up in the 107 areas of Selective Service Local Boards in Mississippi are meeting with a cordial response on the part of employers and the public in this effort. The Mississippi State Employment Service is according close cooperation in this program.

To emphasize the gravity and importance of this undertaking and of the responsibility of the public to men returning from the Service, General Grayson today released the following editorial, which recently appeared in the Chicago Herald and American under the caption: A PROMISE THAT MUST BE KEPT:

"As Illinois soldiers over 28 years old are discharged and return home, the Soldier's Friend department of The Chicago Herald-American receives an increasing number of complaints that many are not getting their civilian jobs back.

"Before they were inducted they were led to believe that they would get their jobs back.

"The selective service law provides that they are to get them back (or 'position of like seniority, status and pay') unless the employed circumstances have so changed as to make the rehiring 'impossible or unreasonable,' and it was the assurance given in that law that sent many of them away to the army with easy minds. They did not have to worry about finding a new way to make a living when they came home again.

"Those who have come back to find that they DO have to worry about it naturally feel they have been let down.

"They have made sacrifices to serve their country, and the promise that their interests would be looked after while they were doing it have not been fulfilled.

"There will be, of course, cases in which the promise of a job to return to actually cannot be kept, particularly in view of the damage defense priorities are about to do to many kinds of civilian business.

"But in every case where the promise CAN be kept, it SHOULD be and MUST be.

"The draft boards, whose duty it is under the law to help returned soldiers get their jobs, must exert themselves to see that every such promise is kept that can be.

"Paul G. Armstrong, state director of selective service, estimates that by Christmas time 7,000 Illinois soldiers will have been returned to civil life under the age ruling.

"We owe it to them, in simple appreciation of men who have done their duty, in our defense, to fit them as swiftly, and smoothly as possible into jobs and a normal civilian life.

"And we owe it also to the men who still are in the army.

"For their peace of mind, which is what 'morale' means, we must make it plain by our deeds that we meant what we said when we promised to keep their jobs for them until they came back."

Governor Johnson Okehs All-Weather Highway

ALCORN, MISS., Nov. 8.—While discussing the facilities needed in Mississippi, last week Governor Johnson said that he would support a proposal for an all-weather road from United States highway 61 to Alcorn A. M. College.

"The road now available to the college is a disgrace," stated the Governor. "I hope the Legislature will make some provision whereby the Highway Department can build a good road to it."

Contractor Charges He Was Husband Of Indian

TULSA, Okla.—(ANP)—The action of Mitchell Knighten, Chicago building contractor, in challenging Sapulpa court's disposition of the \$15,000,000 oil holdings of a deceased Indian woman halted the payment of \$7,413,286 to the half sister and two nephews of the deceased woman. Knighten's suit, an outright claim, was filed in United States district court here November 1 against Sinclair Oil and Gas company, Sinclair Prairie Oil company, Reserve Development company and Minnehoma Oil and Gas company for full possession of the 160 acres of oil producing property in Creek county.

Ruling that the late Lete Kelvin died in 1930 and her husband was killed the following year in a car accident, Judge C. O. Beaver in the Sapulpa decision awarded the estate to Mrs. Iona Alexander Lee of Claremont, Okla., as half sister to the deceased woman, and to surviving nephews, Willie and Floyd Mayweather, Kansas City, Mo., packing house workers.

Knighten makes the claim that he married Lete Kelvin in 1907 and that she was known thereafter as Lete Knighten, Lydia Field, Lydia Monahwee, and Little Moffer. He stated that he lived with the Indian woman until 1912 when he went to Louisiana because of a brother's illness. He further claims that she died in 1917, a victim of a jealous Indian lover.

According to the claim of the Mayweather brothers, Lete Kelvin was supposed to have married a Joe Stevens before 1906 and she died in 1930 and Stevens was killed in 1931.

While it does not mention the Sapulpa findings, Knighten's suit, however, ties up the estate pending settlement of his claims. If the federal court upholds the claim, the entire estate will go to Knighten.

Representing Knighten are Atty. George C. Adams, Chicago; A. B. Ronhold and Jay W. Whitney, A. secretary, bodyguard and special investigator, Sheridan Bruseaux have also been retained by Knighten.

Funeral Rites Held For James Slaughter

Funeral rites for James (Jim) Slaughter, prominent and well-known local contractor and carpenter, was held at his residence, 146 East Davis Street, following his death early Saturday morning from a stroke of paralysis.

The Revs. A. L. Holland, W. A. Bender and A. B. Keeling officiated at the ceremony.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Parish Slaughter; one son, Clem Slaughter; his mother, a sister, Miss Elmer Slaughter, a teacher at Smith-Robertson School, several brothers, a host of relatives and friends.

Active pallbearers were: Mr. Will Laws, Will Robertson, Marvin Alexander, Frank Moore, Kenzie Coleman, O. C. Jackson, Melvin Robinson, S. S. McLaughlin and Mr. James Proctor. Interment at the Tougaloo Cemetery.

JOSHUA JONES
By I. P. Reynolds
Bro. Bell says folks who claim to stand in are sometimes the first to fall out.

Race Soldiers Arrive To Defend Air Base

AUGUSTA, Ga.—(SNS)—Five hundred Negro soldiers, connected with the 77th Coast artillery regiment arrived here Thursday, October 6, from Fort Bragg, N. C. These men will be stationed here at the Daniel Field for two weeks. They will "defend" the Augusta Air Base during the Carolina maneuvers.

The regiment is under the command of Lt. Col. E. McGarraugh, of the coast artillery corps.

Organizing To Keep Grip On Rail Industry

Planning Drive To Win Measure Of Justice

NEW YORK.—(NNS)—The nation's Negro firemen are organizing to prevent their elimination from the railroad industry, and are preparing a campaign to win a measure of justice and equitable treatment.

This was clearly emphasized when plans of the recently-formed Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Provisional Committee for Colored Locomotive Firemen were made known here this week. The committee was set up on the initiative of the Sleeping Car Porters Brotherhood and is the culmination of that organization's interest in the problems of the unorganized Negro firemen.

It represents some 2,000 Negro firemen whose jobs are seriously menaced by the present trend in the railroad industry toward displacement of Negro stokers.

The immediate program of the committee calls for the initiation of a series of court actions directed toward the invalidation of certain agreements negotiated with the rail carriers by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The latter union does not admit Negroes to its membership and has consistently refused to deal with grievances of Negro firemen.

The situation was explained to an NNS representative by Harold A. Stevens, attorney for the committee, who described other plans of the firemen's group to present their case to the publishing.

DETERRATED

Before the last war practically all firemen stoking Southern locomotives were Negroes, severely exploited and ill-paid. Sporadic attempts had been made to organize the men without definite result. When during the World War, the government took over operation of railroads, wages were increased and many improvements brought about. However, with the return to private management following the war, the contracts made by the govern-

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Celebrated Singer Inspects Employment Office For Girls



NEW YORK CITY.—Dorothy Maynor (center) soprano, and Governor Lehman's sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold M. Lehman, chairman of the benefit committee of the Women's Trade Union League, look over a poster announcing the opening of the new "Day Work" office for Negro girls during an inspection visit to the Model Employment Office of Today. Looking on is Mrs. Minnie Blackmon, interviewer of the Day Work Office. The new employment office replaces the "slave markets" which existed on some street corners in the Bronx, where housewives bargained on the streets with scores of young Negro domestic workers for their services.—(ACME)

Better Representation In Gov't Asked By Nabrit

Miss. Methodists Convene

The 74th Session of the Mississippi Conference met in the beautiful new 24-room St. Paul Methodist Church, Meridian, Miss., of which the Rev. E. A. Mayes is the pastor.

Three sessions a day were broadcast from the church over Radio Station WCOG, the bishop distinguishing himself as an announcer. More than four hundred ministers and laymen attended the meeting. The conference was presided over by Bishop R. E. Jones, Senior Bishop of the Central Jurisdiction. Rev. W. H. Blackman was elected secretary of the conference, and Rev. P. A. Taylor, stationalar.

The conference adopted a budget of \$819,784.99 for the year. All monies of the conference were handled by the Rev. A. L. Holland who was elected treasurer last year to serve four years. The conference presided the assistant treasurer, Mrs. L. V. Holland, with a beautiful pen and pencil set, and the Bishop in making the presentation said the work of the office was the best report in the New Orleans Area.

All of the pastors serving in Jackson were returned for another year. Rev. W. H. Blackman for his second year at Prair, Rev. A. L. Holland for his ninth year at Central; Rev. S. L. Webb to Jackson Circuit for his third year; and Rev. L. E. Johnson as District Superintendent on the Jackson District. Few changes were made in the conference.

Dr. G. W. Smith was retired and appointed field agent for the Pension Fund for retired ministers. The conference next year goes to Wesley Methodist church, Vicksburg, Rev. M. P. Johnson, pastor.

The session just closed was said by all to have been the best in the history of the church. Rev. Mayes was returned to St. Paul for his ninth year to the delight of many.

JAIL 200 SOLDIERS

BROWNWOOD, Tex.—(ANP)—For creating a disturbance in the Negro section of this city Saturday, two hundred colored soldiers from Camp Bowie were placed in the city's jail. The soldiers grew out of attempts of two officers to quiet the disturbance.

Outlines Nine Positions Negroes Should Be Holding

By OTTO McCLARRIN
WASHINGTON, D. C.—(SNS)—Insisting that more than ten million Negroes in America are without actual representation in the executive branch of the government in the most perilous time in our history, James M. Nabrit, Jr., Atlanta-born, Secretary of Howard University, presented a Ten Point Demand Program in an interview this week which he believes will help bring about a solution to many of the most critical of the Negro's present day problems.

The able administrative official urges Negro leaders to stop vying for self glory and to unite and fight for nine actually constructive posts in our government during the present national crisis.

LISTS POSITIONS

The Ten Point Program includes a demand for nine government positions, which, if held by Negroes, will insure better representation in the executive branch of the government. Such representation, Mr. Nabrit believes, will eliminate numerous decisions and policies of governmental officials which have not been to the Negro's best interests.

The university secretary maintains that every individual group and newspaper among Negroes should forego quarrels over petty differences of opinion and join in a collective effort to obtain the following positions and representation for Negroes:

1. An administrative assistant to the President of the United States

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First Head Nurse Named On Coast

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(ANP)—For the first time in the history of California, a Negro head nurse was appointed at the General Hospital last Monday, when at the results of competitive examination Mrs. Ferrol Bobo Conner received the appointment.

Mrs. Conner was selected from 30 other nurses who took the test. The position is a promotional one. She is a native of Arkansas, but attended school at USC and City college. For more than six years she has been associated with the General Hospital. Mrs. Conner is also a graduate of the County Hospital school. She will head Unit 2.

Chanute Field Air Workers To Alabama Station

New Tuskegee Base to Be Ready in December

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—(ANP)—Those portions of the 99th Pursuit squadron which have been trained here are leaving today for Maxwell field, the big army air base located at Montgomery, Ala. The two units which include the mechanical trainees and air base detachment of the all-Negro aviation organization will be stationed at Maxwell field pending the completion of the permanent base which will be at Tuskegee, Ala. Work at Tuskegee is proceeding rapidly, 1,500 men being employed in day and night shifts. The field there is expected to be completed in December.

There were 364 men in the group leaving Chanute field, 334 of them traveling in a troop train while 30 others made the trip in private conveyances.

Remaining at Chanute after the transfer is completed will be about 30 men of the two organizations, including a few students who have not as yet completed their courses and other personnel now confined to the hospital.

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Jury Upholds Guard In Killing

SPARTA, Ga. (SNS)—Boston Evans, a colored convict serving a life sentence for murder, was justifiably shot to death by guard William Archer, a coroner jury decided Monday, according to Acting Coroner Holland A. Berry. Berry said testimony showed the convict was threatening to kill another colored man in a bullpen of the Hancock County prison camp when the guard shot him through a window with a shotgun Sunday.

Denied Right To Bury His 'Friend'

GARY, Ind.—(ANP)—The case of "who has the right to bury the body of Edward Monroe" was decided in superior court here last Tuesday when Judge B. C. Jenkins ruled that Hower's Funeral Home here be permitted to proceed with the funeral. The controversy grew out of a writ issued in favor of Leo A. Taylor, white southerner, against the funeral home for possession of the body. Taylor's claim to the body was made because he had taken an insurance policy out on the deceased friend, and that he had the right to say who would perform the burial ceremony.

Last Monday, while Monroe's last rites were in progress at the new Hower's funeral home, the writ in favor of Lee Taylor was served by sheriffs to halt the ceremony. The writ stated that Taylor was the close friend of the deceased and was desirous of having the Creswell Funeral Home take care of the body. Atty. Benjamin F. Wilson, engaged by Hower's immediately catapulted the case into superior court for a hearing to determine who would bury Monroe.

INSURANCE POLICY

At the Tuesday's hearing, Atty. Wilson developed from his cross-examination that Taylor's claim was made because of the insurance policy taken out and paid during the life of Monroe and that although Taylor claimed such affection for the deceased, he did not provide him with adequate shelter during his illness. Taylor admitted giving Monroe a shanty in which to live.

No known relatives were listed as surviving Monroe, and it was brought to life that Mrs. Leecefield, a sweetheart for the past ten years, and some close friends had arranged for his hospitalization at Mercy hospital and made arrangements for his funeral.

Taylor and his wife attempted to take possession of the body in order to be in position to say who should bury the deceased. No other motive, outside of the money angle could be established for their conduct, and it was further learned that Monroe had acted as a "flunky" in their back yard during his lifetime.

Judge Jenkins ruled that he felt the fight was more of an undertaker's quarrel than anything else, and since representatives of Creswell Funeral Home did not appear in court, the writ was denied.

Two Killed While Watching Parade

HOUSTON.—(SNS)—Two unidentified colored men were killed and at least two others injured critically Tuesday when a metal and concrete awning on which a crowd stood to watch the Armistice Day parade collapsed. Those on the awning were dropped about 20 feet. A number of persons standing under the awning were pinned beneath the debris.

The parade was stopped when the crash occurred.

King Hiram Grand Lodge

VICKSBURG, Miss.—The King Hiram Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, A. F. & A. M. of Mississippi held their 1941 Annual session here Sunday, November 2nd, with one of the largest delegations in attendance in the fraternal history of the Hill city.

The session opened with a Street Parade Sunday morning, which was said to have been one of the longest and best order parades to be seen in Vicksburg.

With special bus accommodations, delegates attended the session from every section of the state as well as a number of prominent fraternal leaders from Louisiana and Tennessee, according to Mr. Clarence Winters 33 degree Grand Secretary. The reports received at the session were the best he had received during his tenure of office, not only in finance, but in showing the largest gain in Mississippi throughout the jurisdiction of any period in the lodge's history.

At the session several changes made in the organization in order to simplify the administration, the most important being the transfer of the widows department to the office of the Grand Lodge, and the election of G. D. Sharpe of Clarksdale as Treasurer of the Widows' department.

The headquarters of the lodge is located in Jackson with Ill. J. C. McLendon 33 degree Grand Master, and Ill. Clarence Winters, 33 degree Grand Secretary.

Large Crowd Sees Tougaloo, Alcorn In 0-0 Tie

By PERCY GREENE
JACKSON, Miss.—(SNS)—In biting cold, perhaps, the worst in early November here in many years that brought out heavy blankets, quilts, shawls, and other warmth giving additions to overcoats, more than 2000 spectators, old grads and former students of the two rival clans gathered under the bright lights of Millsaps College Stadium here Saturday night for the annual Homecoming Game between Coach Williams Tougaloo College Bulldogs and Coach Abraham's Alcorn College Braves, between whom there has developed in the past few years the keenest and sometime most bitter rivalry as can be found existing between any two schools in the country.

In spite of the biting cold a goodly crowd had entered the stadium an hour before game time, as time for the starting whistle approached and before the end of the first quarter, bonfires on the ramps and under the flats around the stadium reminded one of a picture of an ancient army camp on a cold winter night.

As a prelude to the game a 0-0 deadlock that followed the rivalry that exist between the two schools can well be seen from the fact that, with only a few minutes before the starting whistle Coach Abraham of Alcorn approached Coach Williams of Tougaloo and voiced his objection to the use of an official of John H. Young III, former Jackson College Coach, who had come from New Orleans for that purpose, and asserted that if Coach Williams insisted on using Young the Alcorn Team would not play.

According to Coach Williams, all the officials had been certified and agreed upon three days before.

With Coach Williams conceding to the demands of Alcorn in respect to Young, the game got underway promptly at 9 o'clock.

As the game progressed it developed into a contest mainly between Braddock, sensational punting Tougaloo back, and Lenora, former Alexander High School Star, and four year Big "B" choice, Alcorn triple threat ace, as each turned in some sparkling performances as the game wore on.

In the first quarter Braddock had the Tougaloo crowd yelling as he took the ball on his 40 to skirt around the Alcorn right to place the ball on the Alcorn 15, and late in the second quarter Lenora back on his 30 went around right to the back advanced to the Tougaloo 2 yard stripe.

Both teams missed at least one good chance to tally. In the first quarter, Alcorn kicked to Tougaloo to open the game, and on the

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Local Business

Man Hurt

W. J. Summers, prominent local business man and owner and operator of the Blackstone Cafe, Summers' Grocery and Market, and a number of other business enterprises, was painfully, but not seriously hurt when a Plymouth Coupe in which he was driving North on Farish Street, collided with a car driven by a non-commenced officer from the Jackson Air Base at the corner of Amite and Farish Streets, Saturday night.

Mr. Summers received a number of scratches and bruises about the legs and body, and the driver of the other car also suffered several minor injuries.

In the car with Mr. Summers was Miss Elmer Hodges, an employee of the Blackstone Cafe, who was enroute home at the time of the accident, also received minor injuries.

Both cars were badly damaged in the collision.